implemented the Palekar Award so far; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from State Government/ Union Territory Administrations, which are the appropriate authorities in the matter and the same would be laid on the Table of the House, when received.

Credit deposit ratio in the Eastern region

1294. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 964 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th March, 1986 and state:

(a) what is the credit: deposit ratio in the States of Eastern Region, State-wise during 1985-86; and

(b) what steps have been taken to improve the credit: deposit ratio in this region;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The credit: deposit ratio of scheduled commercial banks in the States of Eastern Region as at the end of December 1985 is set out below:—

State	Credit : Deposit Ratio (%)
Bihar	39·8
Orissa	86·7
West Bengal	50·3
Andaman & Nicobar Islands.	39·5

(b) To identify the factors for low credit: deposit ratio in Bihar and West Bengal and also to suggest suitable measures for improvement in this regard, sample studies were conducted by Reserve Bank of India in a few selected districts of Bihar and West Bengal. Following discussion by Reserve Bank of India with the State Governments of Bihar and West Bengal, a committee consisting of the Government Secretaries and Bankers has been constituted in Bihar and a Task Force had been set up in West Bengal, to monitor progress of improvement in credit: deposit ratio The State Government have also been advised to consider the recommendations made by the Sen Committee on Agricultural productivity in the Eastern Region and to prepare suitable bankable schemes.

Disbursement of Bank loans through 'Credit Melas'

1295. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2282 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 1986 and state:

(a) what is the actual amount out of Rs. 4844 crores, the outstanding credit for weaker sections, which has been disbursed through Credit Melas during 1984-85;

(b) what is the number of beneficiaries; and

(c) what is the amount recovered from the beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Since no central monitoring of credit camps is considered feasibe or necessary by the Reserve Bank of India—the present data reporting system does not yield separate

information in respect of the amounts of loans disbursed through credit camps, number of beneficiaries assisted and recovery of such loans. However, the procedure relating to sanction and disbursement of all loans including those disbursed through credit camps have to conform to the guidelines/instructions issued by Reserve Bank of India from time to time regarding selection of beneficiaries, viability of proposals—terms and conditions for security and margin, interest rates, recovery schedules etc.

Loans and advances by Banks to M/s. Amrita Bazar Patrika and M/s. Jugantar

1296. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the outstanding loans and advances given to M/s. Amrita Bazar Patrika Limited and Jugantar Limited, as on the 31st March, 1985 by different banks;

(b) what is the yearly break-up of the loans and advances to the companies;

(c) whether inquiries were conducted by the banks, particularly in regard to Provident Fund dues, from these companies before sanctioning the loans and advances; and

(d) if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) In accordance with the statutes governing the nationalised banks and in accordance with the practices and usages customary among the bankers, information relating to the affairs of individual constituents of nationalised banks cannot be divulged.

Appu Ghar

1297. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) which authority runs the Appu Ghar in Pragati Maidan;

(b) what is the share of Government in the management, control and income of the Appu Ghar;

(c) whether the pay, allowances and other benefits admissible to the employees of Appu Ghar are at par with those available to the Central Government employees; and

(d) whether some cases of discrimination in the matter of pay and other benefits to the employees of Appu Ghar have come to Government's notice, if so, what are the details in this regard, and what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The Appu Ghar in Pragati Maidan is being run by M/s. International Amusement Limited, a private organisation.

(b) A portion of land in Pragati Maidan has been licensed out to M/s. International Amusement Limited by Trade Fair Authority of India for an initial period of three years. The annual licences fee payable by M/s. International Amusement Ltd. is Rs. 15 lakhs for the first year, Rs. 16.50 lakhs for the seconond year and Rs. 18.15 lakhs for the third year. In addition, 50 per cent share of gate money for entry to Appu Ghar area is taken by TFAI.